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Colleges picked to lead way

DUDLEY and Stourbridge colleges have been chosen to lead the way on environmental technology training for the West Midlands.

They have successfully bid for approval as a founder hub member of the National Skills Academy for Environmental Technologies.

Dudley principal Lowell Williams said: "Winning selection to join the prestigious National Skills Academy is a tremendous achievement and a fabulous opportunity.

Range

"Not only does it put our colleges at the centre of the green technology revolution but it means that the Black Country is once again leading technological development," said Mr Williams.

The colleges will provide a range of training.

Bank manager's race for funds

A HALESOWEN bank manger, who has suffered from asthma since childhood, has raised almost £1,500 for a charity which helps those with the condition after taking part in the New York marathon.

Rob Smith, aged 32, who lives in Halesowen and is a relationship manager for NatWest Private Banking in Birmingham.

He said: "I know the money I have raised will make a real difference in helping people like me."

Open day about student courses

STUDENTS can tour Stourbridge College at an open event next month.

There will be chance to learn more about courses on offer and to chat to tutors. The event will run 10am to 1pm on January 29 For information log on to www.stourbridge.ac.uk

Village names the day for fair

THE next Kinver Country Fayre will be held on June 19 after it was shelved this year while long-running roadworks took place on the High Street.

There will be entertainment such as Morris dancing to entertain members of the public. Visit www.kinvercountryfayre.com for more information.

White Christmas is beckoning

A WHITE Christmas for Stourbridge looks more and more likely with weather experts predicting no immediate end to the winter wonderland weather.

Snow and ice have turned travel chaotic – particularly for those trying to get away over the festive season – increased the heating bills and generally made life rather uncomfortable.

But it's also quite a magical feeling to see familiar landmarks dusted with a little sparkle.

Snow and ice cover the Stewponey Wharf area of the Staffordshire and Worcester Canal, near Stourbridge

The iconic Wordsley glass cone looks striking in the snow

Hit-and-run mother, 46 fined £420 by court

A WORDSLEY mother of one who knocked down a boy on a zebra crossing has been fined a total of £420 and given six points on her driving licence.

The boy had rolled on to the bonnet before hitting the ground suffering a broken nose, cuts and bruises and a swollen knee, magistrates heard.

But the driver failed to stop to check his welfare, the court was told.

Carol Clulow, aged 46, of Chingford Close, admitted failing to stop following an accident and driving without due care and attention.

She was fined £220 for failing to stop and £100 for driving without due care and attention. She was also ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Dudley Magistrates Court was told last Friday the 13-year-old boy, who cannot be identified, was using a crossing in Bromley Lane, Kingswinford, at around 5.15pm on December 10 when the collision occurred.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said: "Witnesses say the car initially stopped and pulled to the side of the road.

"It appears the defendant saw the boy get to his feet and walk to the other side of the road.

"She drove away and did not check on the welfare of the boy."

Mrs Jodie Smith, defending, said Clulow had "panicked".

She had intended to go to the police station but wanted to go home and speak to her husband about it first, the court heard.

PRISON FOR GUN STASH BROTHERS

TWO brothers have been jailed after a deadly arsenal of 16 guns, including a Kalashnikov and Uzi submachine gun, were uncovered at their houses.

Daniel Thatcher, aged 25, of Summerfield Avenue, Wall Heath, and Lee Thatcher stored the weapons and ammunition, which was found after they were arrested on suspicion of an unrelated burglary at a derelict building in Dudley.

Police searched the men's houses in May and in a hold-all at the garage of Lee Thatcher, 28, officers found a "military-calibre" Kalashnikov, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. Under gun enthusiast Daniel Thatcher's bed, officers found a 9mm Uzi and, a 9mm pistol and cartridges.

Shotguns, pistols and hundreds of live rounds were also discovered at searches of the addresses, said Mr Philip Bradley, prosecuting.

Judge John Warner sentenced Daniel Thatcher to three years and eight months.

Motivation

Lee Thatcher, whose address cannot be published for legal reasons, was sentenced to 450 days but is expected to be freed because of the time he had spent in custody.

The judge said there was no suggestion of terrorism, political or gang-related motivation.

The men had admitted charges of possession of firearms and ammunition.

Walks to welcome the new year

WALKERS can get the new year off on the right track with a series of strolls at nature reserves in Dudley.

On January 2 people can join the warden for a brisk walk around Saltwells Local Nature Reserve.

From 10am to noon the walk will include a trek to the top of Netherton Hill and beyond.

A second new year walk takes place at Wrens Nest National Nature Reserve on January 5, from 10am to noon.

Caverns

The warden will take visitors to see the progress on work to the Seven Sisters Caverns, which are on show to the public for the first time in over five years.

In Halesowen, at The Leasowes on January 8 from 10am to noon, the warden will guide visitors around the site and talk about its history and wildlife.

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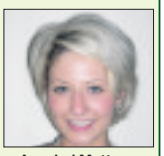

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Amblecote Primary School	30	73%	92%	73%	86%	70%	11	5.1%
Ashwood Park Primary School	41	90%	80%	88%	76%	88%	5	1.1%
Belle Vue Primary School	52	88%	92%	87%	87%	81%	8	1.0%
Blanford Mere Primary School	33	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.8%
Blowers Green Primary School	30	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	3.4%
Bramford Primary School Bilston	66	77%	89%	71%	76%	62%	16	3.6%
Brierley Hill Primary School	16	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	2.0%
Brockmoor Primary School	45	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	2.6%
Bromley Hills Primary School	31	81%	94%	58%	65%	55%	24	2.4%
The Bromley-Pensnett Primary	41	63%	77%	61%	85%	49%	25	4.9%
Brook Primary School S'bridge	34	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.7%
Caslon Primary School H'sowen	23	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	6.0%
Christ Church CofE Primary	65	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	2.7%
Church of Ascension, K'winford	44	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.0%
St Edmund & St John, Dudley	33	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	4.8%
Colley Lane Halesowen	64	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	3.3%
Cotwall End, Dudley	61	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	2.3%
Cradley CofE, Halesowen	27	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	2.8%
Crestwood Park, Kingswinford	29	69%	72%	72%	59%	62%	18	1.2%
Dawley Brook, Kingswinford	35	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.0%
Dingle Community, K'swinford	20	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	2.1%
Dudley Wood, Dudley	57	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	4.2%
Fairhaven Primary, S'bridge	34	82%	76%	79%	65%	71%	9	0.4%
Foxyards Primary,Tipton	43	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.9%
Gig Mill Primary, Stourbridge	74	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	3.3%
Glynne Primary, Kingswinford	58	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.6%
Greenfield Primary, S'bridge	39	92%	90%	92%	90%	90%	4	0.4%
Halesowen CofE	18	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	4.7%
Ham Dingle, Stourbridge	50	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.3%
Hasbury CofE, Halesowen	30	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	3.9%
Hawbush Primary, Brierley Hill	35	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.1%
Hob Green, Stourbridge	45	76%	83%	69%	88%	62%	17	1.9%
Howley Grange, Halesowen	63	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.8%
Huntingtree Primary, Halesowen	49	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	3.5%
Hurst Green, Halesowen	60	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.6%
Hurst Hill Primary, Bilston	62	74%	75%	68%	75%	58%	21	4.7%
Jesson's CofE, Dudley	68	69%	88%	81%	95%	65%	14	2.9%
Kate's Hill Community, Dudley	45	76%	96%	67%	73%	64%	15	1.7%
Lapal Primary, Halesowen	45	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.5%
Lutley Primary, Halesowen	85	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.4%
Maidensbridge, Kingswinford	29	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.1%
Manor Way Primary, Halesowen	30	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.6%
Milking Bank Primary, Dudley	60	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.8%
Mount Pleasant, Brierley Hill	45	89%	96%	91%	93%	87%	6	1.4%
Netherbrook Primary School	51	59%	71%	76%	81%	57%	23	2.0%
Netherton CofE, Dudley	29	72%	79%	62%	66%	62%	19	3.6%
Newfield Park, Halesowen	56	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.6%
Northfield Road, Dudley	59	69%	88%	64%	74%	58%	22	2.6%
Oldswinford CofE, Stourbridge	57	93%	89%	96%	96%	91%	3	0.6%
Olive Hill, Halesowen	61	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	3.5%
Our Lady & St Kenelm, H'sowen	32	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.6%
Pedmore CE, Stourbridge	32	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	1	0.0%
Peter's Hill, Brierley Hill	116	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	2.6%
Priory Primary,Dudley	64	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.8%
Quarry Bank, Brierley Hill	54	74%	81%	63%	80%	59%	20	3.6%
Queen Victoria, Dudley	79	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	4.1%
Red Hall, Dudley	56	88%	98%	68%	78%	66%	13	4.5%
The Ridge Primary, S'bridge	31	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.0%
Roberts Primary, Dudley	81	88%	90%	72%	76%	70%	10	1.9%
Rufford Primary, Stourbridge	40	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.5%
Russells Hall Primary, Dudley	41	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	4.7%
St Chad's, Dudley	29	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.6%
St James's, Stourbridge	52	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.5%
St Joseph's, Dudley	28	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	6.1%
St Joseph's, Stourbridge	31	94%	87%	100%	100%	94%	2	0.0%
St Mark's, Brierley Hill	37	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.8%
St Mary's, Kingswinford	30	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.4%
St Mary's, Brierley Hill	22	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	5.0%
Siedmere Primary,Dudley	48	73%	85%	79%	89%	69%	12	1.9%
Straits Primary, Dudley	45	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	0.4%
Tenterfields Primary, Halesowen	30	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.2%
Thorns Primary, Brierley Hill	26	58%	90%	54%	73%	38%	27	5.0%
Wallbrook Primary, Bilston	49	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	6.7%
Withymoor, Brierley Hill	49	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	1.8%
Wollescote Primary, S'bridge	48	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	2.8%
Woodside Community Dudley	42	~	~	~	~	~	n/a	2.4%
Wrens Nest Primary, Dudley	35	60%	71%	66%	83%	49%	26	3.6%

DUDLEY pupils are performing well in the key subjects of maths and English, according to figures released last week.

Teacher assessments for students aged 11 were carried out in all 84 borough primary schools.

It follows a boycott of the official Sats tests by some schools which means the borough does not feature in this year's national league tables.

In English, 82 per cent of pupils achieved level four, the national expectation for 11-year-olds, which is up one per cent on last year, according to the teacher assessments.

The figure for pupils achieving a level four in their maths was 82 per cent, the same as last year.

Effort

Pupils achieving level five in English was 34 per cent, an increase of four per cent on last year, and 35 per cent for maths, the same as last year.

Pedmore CE Primary achieved 100 per cent in both English and maths at level four, St Mary's CE Primary in Kingswinford achieved 100 per cent in English and 97 per cent in maths, while Our Lady and St Kenelm RC School in Halesowen, achieved 100 per cent in English.

Councillor Liz Walker, Dudley cabinet member for children's services, said: "Congratulations to all pupils, parents and teachers for their continued commitment and effort."

KEY The charts show each primary school, listed alphabetically within its local authority area. In addition to the school name, the table lists: **a**. The number of pupils on roll eligible for assessment in National Curriculum Key Stage 2 tests this year. **b**. The percentage of pupils achieving level 4 – the expected level for the age group – in the English test. **c**. The percentage of pupils who have made two or more levels of progress in English between the ages of seven and 11. **d**. The percentage of pupils achieving level 4 in the maths test. **e**. The percentage of pupils who have made two or more levels of progress in maths between the ages of seven and 11. **f.** The percentage of pupils achieving level 4 in both English and maths. **g**. The ranking within its own local authority which each school achieves, according to the percentage of pupils achieving level 4 in both English and maths. Ties are broken by the number of pupils on roll eligible for assessment in the National Curriculum tests. **h**. The percentage of pupils across the whole school who were persistently absent. Schools that boycotted the test do not have results and are represented by ~

Headteacher Bev Hartland Smith and Year 6 youngsters at Pedmore C of E Primary School, in Hagley Road, Pedmore, celebrate their success

They're a class act

PEDMORE C of E Primary School celebrated top marks as pupils achieved 100 per cent in maths and English at level four in national league tables for 11-year-olds.

Head Bev Hartland Smith said everyone was delighted as the school was number one in Dudley borough of those taking the SATs test.

"We are very proud of all the children who have made such good progress," she said.

"At Pedmore it is not just about tests, it is about the children's development as people like looking out for and respecting each other and caring for everyone and everything around them."

Thirty-two pupils took SATs this year at the school in Hagley Road, Pedmore.

Hark the new-look worship

THE Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Dudley is set to host its first Christmas Day service in its new premises.

Having moved from their former base at Himley Road, the church is now renting the Old Meeting House, in Wolverhampton Street.

The service from 11am until 1pm on Saturday will be lead by Deacon Hubert Smiley, who has worked in the church since the 1950s.

Everyone is welcome and car parking will be available at the site.

Christmas gifts will also be given to all of the children in the congregation.

For more information contact Mr Smiley on 01384 213803 or 07868 288310.

Invitation to have a say

HALESOWEN South neighbourhood team is inviting townsfolk to have their say at the last meeting of 2010.

The Police and Community Together (PACT) session is at 7pm on Thursday December 30, at Manor Way Primary School, Brier Mill Road.

Officers will be on hand to discuss the latest policing issues and to inform residents what they are doing to address them.

For those unable to attend but who would like to raise an issue, email details to dy.nhp.halesowen@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk or call 0345 113 5000 and ask for extension 7903 6450.

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Courts will be closed in cost-cutting move

STOURBRIDGE County Court is to close as part of Government cuts, it has been confirmed.

Kidderminster County Courts and Halesowen Magistrates Court are also to be shut down.

The courts are among the 93 magistrates' courts and 49 county courts to be closed across the country to save more than £41million.

Ministry of Justice said it aimed to redeploy the 700 staff affected nationally but around 70 positions will go. The closures are due to start next April.

Dudley Council's community safety lead, Councillor Adrian Turner, said: "It is a shame to close the Halesowen court."

He added he hoped it would create efficiency at other courts.

Some county court cases in Kidderminster will be held at the magistrates' court following the shut-down.

Justice Minister Jonathan Djanogly said: "Access to justice is not just about access to buildings. It's about the type of justice delivered, decent facilities and efficient use of the system."

West Bromwich Magistrates' Court, Lombard Street West, will also close and work could be moved to Warley Magistrates' Court next month.

Celebrating Christmas traditions

CHRISTMAS traditions from around the globe were celebrated by youngsters at a Lower Gornal school.

Pupils at Roberts Primary put on their festive production called Christmas Around the World.

The play centred on the nativity story with a collection of Christmas celebrations from six different countries.

Through the show, parents and children experienced a taste of Christmas in Poland, Malawi, Australia, China, America and Ireland.

More than 400 people attended the three performances at the school.

Headteacher David Baker said: "It is a fantastic way of bringing the children together from different cultures and countries when the world has so many troubles."

Skye Elcock and Joshua Hickman, both seven, as Mary and Joseph with other pupils who have taken to the stage

£250,000 facelift for electrical store

AN ELECTRICAL superstore at Dudley's Merry Hill Centre has undergone a £250,000 refurbishment which has created several new jobs.

Work at the Comet store was done overnight over the course of several weeks and has led to the introduction of more than 1,000sq ft of extra space.

The store was officially reopened on Saturday with a weekend of free family fun planned with colouring competitions, balloons and more.

Manager Steve Powell said, "We're confident that customers will notice a real difference when visiting the store and will love the improvements we have made."

Eight workers have been taken on for temporary positions over Christmas.

Warning over oil from the fry-ups

STOURBRIDGE residents have been warned that pouring Christmas cooking oils from roast potatoes, chips and fry-ups down the sink could mean money down the drain too.

And they were urged to dump their used oil into a new, 1,250-litre tank which opened at Dudley's civic amenities site in May.

Oil poured into the tank is then recycled to be turned into energy – and just one litre can produce the power to make 240 cups of tea.

Bills

Dudley Council, which offers the oil recycling facilities at its civic amenity site in Stourbridge, said pouring oils down the sink can result in large unexpected bills to have drains unblocked.

Water companies spend at least £15million every year cleaning up the damage caused by fats, oils and greases poured directly into the sewers.

A company called Living Fuels has installed the collection tank at the Birmingham Street, Stourbridge, site to provide a safe and 'green' means to dispose of left over cooking oil.

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Film puts focus on dyslexia sufferers

Film maker Dan Evans and, inset, Natasha Bennett

KRISSY, the star of a new Black Country made film, has these words to say to schools: "I'm not stupid. The teachers just don't understand me."

Young Wordsley film maker Dan Evans, managing director of Expressive Arts Productions, has produced the DVD – called Musik – with the help of family and friends, a Star Wars actor, the famous Pinewood Studios, local schools and an Aston Martin supercar.

And Dan achieved all of that with a budget of just £5,000. Jeremy Bulloch, who played Boba Fett in Star Wars films and Edwin in the Cliff Richard movie Summer Holiday, appears in the film.

He plays Krissy's maths teacher in Musik, which aims to inspire people with dyslexia. It is about a teenage girl who is labelled 'stupid' and faces torment from bullies at school.

Producing

A fifth of the profits from sales will go to the British Dyslexia Association, which is promoting the film through its newsletters and magazines.

Dan, aged 22, of Swanfield Road, Wordsley, who specialises in producing corporate, commercial and training DVDs, music videos and films, shot 'Musik' at Pinewood Studios, The Wordsley School, The Brier special school in Kingswinford and a friend's mock medieval mansion in Lawnswood, Wordsley.

Krissy, played by 19-year-old Natasha Bennett – a Gornal singer whose stage name is Taisa – turns her life around by learning to play the saxophone, determined to show the world that being dyslexic does not stop her from being successful. Along the way viewers learn a lot more about how dyslexia is diagnosed – and that people with the condition are often intelligent, creative and successful.

The script was written by Dan's girlfriend, musician Joanne Naylor, aged 23, of Wolverhampton Road, Sedgley, who plays the saxophone.

"Joanne really researched the subject well, reading books about it and talking to people she knows with dyslexia," said Dan, who gained a BTEC National Diploma in media – moving image at Halesowen College.

"We wanted to raise awareness that people with dyslexia are not stupid but have a different way of thinking and a different perspective on life.

"In our film Krissy, who is aged 15, comes out of her shell when she learns to play the saxophone and she enters a talent show at school."

The DVD costs £4.50, a download is 95p and downloadable streams are available for 45p (SD) or 60p (HD).

Eyesore doctors' homes to be sold

FORMER doctors' houses owned by Dudley Group of Hospitals and worth an estimated £1million are to be sold.

The 12 properties in Ashdown Drive, Wordsley, have been empty for years. The most recently lived-in ones were abandoned when Wordsley Hospital closed in 2005, but some have been empty for more than 30 years.

Repairs to the properties were carried out during the summer and four in the best condition were put on the market. Work continues on the others.

Deals on all four are near completion. The remaining homes will be put up for sale in the new year.

Chief executive of the Dudley Group of Hospitals Paula Clark said: "Remedial upgrading work to tidy up the properties was carried out in the summer and four of the properties were put up for sale.

"Each of the properties have had offers made on them on a best and final offer basis. The remaining eight properties will be put on the market in the near future."

The final selling price of the four houses could not be revealed, she added.

The homes and overgrown gardens had been targeted repeatedly by vandals and described as an "eyesore" by residents living nearby.

Ward councillor Geoffrey Southall said residents had complained about the houses for years. He said when he inspected the properties with residents earlier this year, they were so bad that tree saplings had started to grow through the floors.

"I should think the residents living nearby will be ecstatic to hear things are being improved," he said.

"They were in a terrible state and people were concerned that if they did want to sell up then their properties were being devalued.

Holly's card is festive winner

APTLY named Holly Goldingay has won the contest to design Halesowen College's corporate Christmas card.

Holly, a graphic design student at the college, put her creative typographic skills to the test to come up with the winning card.

All first and second year graphics students took part in the contest and worked to a brief.

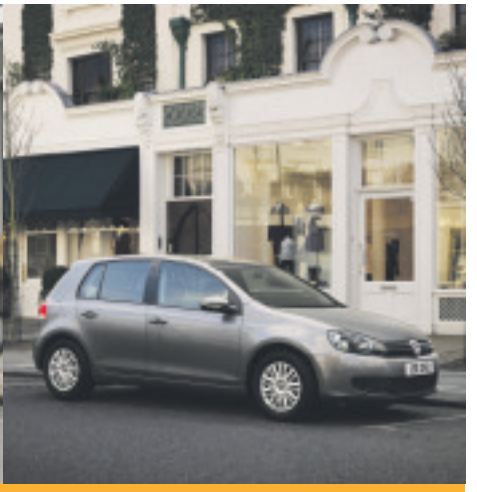
Gillian Dunkerley, graphic design course leader at the college, said: "Designing the card has become a bit of a tradition for us.

"We launch the contest as the decorations and the Christmas music hits the shops and it puts everyone in a seasonal mood.

"All the students rose to the challenge and the technical requirements were just like a real life creative job."

The 18-year-old former pupil of Windsor High School is planning to continue her graphic design studies at university.

Graphic design student Holly Goldingay with her winning Christmas card design



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Terri-Louise's seashells vase

This is a recent cameo vase creation

Terri-Louise Colledge, one of the last remaining traditional cameo artists

When every day is just like Christmas

Two sides of an otter vase

NERVOUSLY waiting for her colourful pieces to come out of the fiery furnace, Terri-Louise Colledge admits that every day for her feels like Christmas.

The 50-year-old, who lives in Coseley, is one of the last remaining traditional cameo artists in the country.

Her work is so close to that of the 19th century glassworkers, such as Thomas Webb, that she has been commissioned by a museum to create a piece to add to their collection.

Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford has a cameo room, which originally inspired Terri-Louise to go into that type of glass design.

Terri-Louise, who lives in Upper Ettingshall Road, Hurst Hill, is now in talks with the museum to discuss the type of piece that would fit in to their collection.

"It can take a couple of months to make a cameo piece as they are so intricate," says Terri-Louise.

"To make a cameo I get the piece of glass when it is all white and then draw a design on sticky-backed plastic," she added.

"I put the plastic onto the vase and sandblast it down to the colour underneath using a dentist's drill.

Beautiful

"Cameos show the different layers of coloured glass and they do look beautiful."

Terri-Louise, who is married to husband Michael, has two children, Delyse, aged 25, and Jordan, 21, as well as a grandson, Tyler, aged 6.

"I loved art at school and the teachers never picked me out as being anything special.

"But I knew I wanted to be a painter," said the former High Arcal School pupil.

"I never thought I was anything exceptional but now when people see my work they are amazed."

Terri-Louise is now based at Wordsley-based Okra Glass, where she works as a freelance decorating the items it produces.

Established in 1979, the firm is one of the most successful glass studios in Britain and specialises in creating gifts and limited edition pieces including perfume bottles, vases and paperweights.

She said: "People ask if the beautiful glass items become boring to us after so long.

"But I have to admit that waiting for the furnace to open in the morning, to see how each piece has turned out, makes you feel like a child on Christmas Day."

Black Country grandmother Terri-Louise Colledge has been asked to create a piece of glasswork for a popular museum. She spoke to CATHY SPENCER

Terri-Louise Colledge works on a new mermaid piece

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Staff toast restaurant bar venture

A RESTAURANT and bar has opened at a former nightclub in the Black Country following a £30,000 makeover.

Deja Vu's has opened at the site of a former nightclub, in Horner Way in Blackheath.

The building, which was leased by manager Carlon Brooks, has undergone three months of hard work to prepare it for opening.

Mr Brooks took over the lease about six months ago and improvements have included oak floors, new lighting, three new bars and a new kitchen. The new restaurant has also created seven full and part-time jobs.

Mr Brooks said: "We are reasonably priced for the area and we do a lot of traditional food. It is completely unrecognisable from when it was a night club."

MD Steve Pargeter with Carlon Brooks and staff Sarah Turner, Jason Allmark and Beckie Holloway

Owner pays for dog mess

A dog owner has been landed with a £100 bill for failing to clean up after his pet which left a mess on public land in Halesowen.

Gary Bradley, aged 25, was spotted by two police officers allowing his dog to foul on land in Hope Street, in April this year.

He was issued with a £50 on-the-spot fine, but failed to pay.

He admitted not clearing up after his dog and failing to pay the fixed penalty notice when he appeared before Halesowen magistrates court on December 2.

Bradley, of Swan Street, Netherton, was given a conditional discharge for a period of six months and ordered to pay £100 in costs.

Councillor David Stanley, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "This sends out a stark warning to people who do not clear up after their dogs.

Explosion leaves traders with loss

ALMOST 20 businesses in Dudley town centre are counting the cost of a day's lost trade after a violent explosion left them without power.

Shopkeepers said it was the latest in a string of problems.

One trader called for urgent action after five power cuts in the last two years. The blast at 7.45 am last Tuesday hurled a manhole cover through the air, smashing two windows at WH Smith.

The High Street, Stone Street and Wolverhampton Street were closed to traffic until 5pm.

Businesses including Head Rush Beauty Salon, Yorkshire Bank and WH Smith were forced to shut for either part or the whole of the day.

Amer Singh, owner of the Gala Coffee Lounge and Takeaway in Wolverhampton Street, said he lost £700 yesterday. Rymans stationery in the High Street also said trade was "much lower" than usual.

Business owners say power cuts in the last two years have lasted for up to five hours. They say they have been told by engineers that the underground wiring system needs replacing.

Mr Singh says the 19 shops forced to close are the same group that are always affected by power cuts. He said he is "disgusted" and feels E-on should dig up the road and tackle the problem.

He reopened the next day but Mr Singh said he was "furious" to have lost a day's profits.

Urgent

He added: "I understand that it was a really bad explosion, but people don't realise that this is part of a long-running problem.

"We've had enough. They should just get it sorted."

Engineers from E-on dug up the pavement outside the WH Smith store to carry out urgent repairs on the cables in a bid to restore power to affected shops.

Investigations revealed the blast started in an underground electrical link box. E-on workers repaired the cable and made it safe, but investigations into what caused the fault are still under way. Power has been restored and the businesses re-opened.

E-on spokesman Scott Somerville said: "We know the problem was caused by a cable fault. What caused this is still being investigated and will be the subject of a full report."

Site visit over plan for home

COUNCILLORS will visit a Dudley street after angry residents complained about plans for a new house adjoining an existing home.

Chris Pearson wants to demolish the garage at his house in Brompton Drive, Brierley Hill, and build a detached three-bedroom property.

But neighbours say the plans would ruin the area.

They claim there is not enough space for the new house and say it would be an "over-development".

Development control committee members last week voted to visit the site before deciding whether to grant planning permission,

Resident Martin Jones told the meeting: "We want to keep the street the way it is for future generations."

Councillor Colin Banks, who lives nearby, said: "I have already had a look at the site and it is very tight. A site visit might be beneficial."

A decision will be made at January's committee meeting after the visit.

You will go to the panto

Ugly sisters Garry McWilliams and James Tromans, Steve Taylor as Buttons and Lucy Neshan as Cinderella rehearse for the panto

CLASSIC fairytale Cinderella is being brought to life at Brierley Hill Civic Hall next month.

Members of the Brierley Hill Musical Theatre Company take to the stage for their annual pantomime at the venue in Bank Street.

There will be a mixture of matinee and evening performances of the much-loved rags-to-riches tale on January 15, 16, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Publicity Officer Chris Psaras said rehearsals were in full swing.

In October the company staged the Full Monty and next month's pantomime follows the success of Mother Goose in January.

Tickets are available from the box office on 0845 658 8195. For further information about the company, which was founded in 1947, log on to www.bhmtc.co.uk

MP supports Legion event

The MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis has attended an event in Parliament to back the work the Royal British Legion are doing with the armed forces.

James Morris said: "The legion does very important welfare work for some of my most vulnerable constituents in both the serving and ex-service communities. I was delighted to thank them for the difference they make to the welfare of the whole armed forces family and for keeping MPs like me informed about the issues that matter to them."

Party for autistic children

CHILDREN with autism are being given a special Christmas party this year thanks to a Dudley support group.

Dudley Autistic Support Group is organising the treat for children who would be otherwise unable to attend a party because of their condition. It is for 12 and unders at Scallywags, Level Street, Brierley Hill, on Thursday.

Father-of-two Marc Carter, whose sons are both autistic, set up the children's party last year.

Mr Carter, from Pensnett, said: "Father Christmas is at the party the whole time so children can meet him in their own good time.

"We also have play workers to entertain the children so their parents and carers can enjoy a chat, have a mince pie and a hot drink."

Warning to

A MARKET trader from Hallesowen has been warned he faces time behind bars for making and selling fake DVDs and computer games.

Adrian Kirton, of Abbey Road, sold the copied films and games for £2.50 to customers, depriving the entertainment industry of nearly £170,000, Wolverhampton Crown Court has been told at a previous hearing. The 42-year-old admitted to investigating officers after his arrest that he had made £6,662.50 in four months from separate transactions from his Cradley Heath market stall.

He admitted a total of 33 charges involving breaches of trademark regulations and he will be sentenced at the crown court next year.

Come along for carols

STOURBRIDGE residents are invited to two candlelit carol services tomorrow (December 24).

Holy Trinity Church, on Vicarage Road, Amblecote, hosts the family-based events at 4.30pm and 6pm.

Midnight mass starts at 11.30pm and Christmas Day communion services take place at 8am and 9.30am.

Technology pick

Dudley and Stourbridge colleges have been chosen to lead the way on environmental technology training for the West Midlands.

They have successfully bid for approval as a founder hub member of the National Skills Academy for Environmental Technologies.

Dudley principal Low-ell Williams said: "Winning selection to join the prestigious National Skills Academy is a tremendous achievement and a fabulous opportunity.

"Not only does it put our colleges at the centre of the green technology revolution but it means that the Black Country is once again leading technological development."

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We've prepared for hard times – council bosses

DUDLEY Council's leaders have insisted they will cope with the loss of more than £18million in government grants over the next two years.

The cuts announced by the government last weekhave been anticipated since the coalition took over in May. The council's £279m revenue budget will fall to £269.6m next year and £258m in 2012/13 as council tax freezes are also imposed.

Council leader Councillor Anne Millward said the £18m her authority was going to lose was in line with what bosses had prepared for.

"We have been carrying out detailed planning over the last few months as we awaited the settlement," she said.

"Clearly there are going to be difficult decisions to make, but I can assure residents and council staff we will do all we can to reduce impacts on jobs and services.

"We will now look to finalise our budget which will go before a meeting of the cabinet in January."

Cabinet member for finance Councillor David Blood added: "We are now finalising our budget plans which will look to ensure we can continue to deliver frontline services to residents.

"Over recent months we have been looking at a number of ways of making efficiency savings."

The council has already been drawing up budget savings of £65m by 2015 and residents are currently being consulted on where the axe should fall.

So far it has only confirmed that there will be significant job losses among the 15,000 staff but bosses have been waiting until today's announcement before unveiling specific plans.

The budget, detailing proposals for 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14, will go before a special meeting of the council's cabinet on January 12 before going to the full council on March 7 for a final vote.

In Sandwell, budgets will fall from £353m to £313m which includes a £35m cut in government grants over the next two years.

Finance boss Councillor Steve Eling, said the cuts were "disgraceful" and the borough faced very difficult choices. He said savings made in management costs and other areas such as reducing energy costs would be made, but would not be enough to plug the gap.

He added: "It will make a fair sized dent, but we are not going to be able to find all this money to fill that gap, something is going to give."

He added that the authority was still looking at making 700 job cuts in the next year and would be looking at achieving many of those through voluntary redundancies.

Toughest

Councillor Ray Nock, leader of the Conservative opposition group in Sandwell, said: "We've got to think smart to protect frontline services. We can't just make willy nilly redundancies."

The following year, the budget will reduce by another £11m.

Announcing the plans, Communities Secretary Eric Pickles said the cuts were not as bad as people had been led to believe.

He said: "The reality is that despite the toughest economic circumstances in recent memory, the Coalition Government will ensure that next year the average reduction in councils' spending power will be 4.4 per cent.

"By adopting an intelligent and fair approach to the way funding is allocated we have been able to ensure those parts of the country that are most reliant on central funding continue to get the lion's share of the taxpayers' money that is available. Funding fairness underpins this settlement.

"We are protecting the public from excessive council tax rises by stopping any council tax revaluation and setting up a £650 million fund so town halls can freeze council tax this April. This will offer real help to families and pensioners."

But schools across the West Midlands will not see their budgets rise over the next four years, the Government has admitted.

The schools budget will not now rise above inflation as announced by the Chancellor in the spending review because of changes to the official forecast, it means the £430 pupil premium, will not, in real terms, be extra money.

Under the scheme, every child whose parents earn less than £16,000 a year will be entitled to the payment which will be given to schools to spend on cutting class sizes and increasing one-to-one sessions. The extra money – worth £625 million in 2011/12 – is designed to improve results among the poorest children who are eligible for free school meals.

In addition, the basic school funding allocation per pupil - which does not include the pupil premium or capital funding for building projects, is staying the same. This means that in 2011/12 Dudley will get £4,895 per pupil and Sandwell, £5,314.

Students protest over allowances cut

Dudley College students protest at the Broadway campus against the maintenance allowance cuts

HUNDREDs of students protested against proposed cuts outside Dudley College .

About 300 waved placards at a peaceful protest featuring speeches from student mentor Steadman Green and Dudley North MP Ian Austin outside the campus in The Broadway last week.

Students organised the demonstration against Government plans to axe the Education Maintenance Allowance which gives up to £30 a week to students for attending classes.

Among the protesters were public services students Charlie Edge, 18, of Coseley, and Vikki Fox, 20, of Netherton. Charlie said: "The money gives normal people the chance to come to college and so our families do not have to find the money. If we did not have it we would not have been able to come to college."

Mr Green, aged 34, one of the organisers of the protestat the college, off The Broadway said: "The money acts as a lifeline for these people and I think that it is short-sighted by the Government because education is so important and these people are the future."

College principal Lowell Williams said: "EMA put a value on education particularly for young people and by taking it away it takes away the value.

"This was a peaceful for protest run by students for the students and it is an excellent, positive way of getting involved in something what they all seem to feel passionate about."

Mr Austin held a question-and-answer session with some students afterwards. He said: "The EMA makes such a huge difference to their family's finances."

Chairman of Blackheath Organ, Keyboard and Musical Society Malcolm Jones

Music society keen to recruit

BLACKHEATH Organ, Keyboard and Musical Society is on the lookout for new members.

The club invites members to listen, learn and perform with the organ and keyboards, and is hoping to expand its membership to include more young people.

Malcolm Jones, spokesman for the club said: "We are looking for new members, whether they want to come along to learn, play, or just listen. We have 15 members at the moment, from all over the West Midlands and are hoping to get some younger people involved.

"We have had a few more musicians get in contact recently, which is really positive and we want to build on that."

The society, which holds regular meeting, recitals, and charity shows meets on the second Monday of every month at Rowley Regis Conservative Club in Hawn Lane. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

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DOCTOR WHO

BBC1, 6pm

Matt Smith is to make his festive debut as the Doctor, following the triumph of his first season in the Tardis. Newlyweds Amy and Rory are trapped on a crashing space liner, and the only way the Doctor can rescue them is by saving the soul of Kazran Sardick, the richest man in Sardicktown and the loneliest old miser out there... However, Kazran appears to be beyond redemption, and to make matters worse, something nasty is lurking in the fog on Christmas Eve... Appearing alongside the series regulars will be Katherine Jenkins and Michael Gambon. "I think it's really great, the Christmas episode," claims Smith. "We've kept it really lighthearted."

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Christmas Day Eucharist from Tewkesbury Abbey. 11.00 Film: The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause. (2006) Children's fantasy comedy sequel, starring Tim Allen. 12.25 Film: Madagascar. (2005) Animated adventure with the voice of Ben Stiller. 1.45 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Top of the Pops: Christmas. 3.00 The Queen. 4.10 Film: Shrek the Third. (2007) Premiere. Animated sequel, with the voice of Mike Myers. 5.40 The Gruffalo. (R) 5.50 BBC News; Weather. 5.55 The One Ronnie.

6.00 Doctor Who. The Time Lord encounters a Scrooge-like miser.

7.00 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special. Five Strictly newcomers compete in a one-off year-end showdown.

8.00 EastEnders. Hour-long episode. Janine takes revenge on Stacey.

9.00 The Royle Family. The clan gathers for another uneventful Christmas Day.

10.00 Come Fly with Me. New series. Airport documentary spoof, starring Matt Lucas.

10.30 BBC News; Weather.

10.35 On Christmas Night. Peter Paterson-Joseph reads a favourite bible passage.

10.35 FILM: Sherlock Holmes. (2009) A mismatched pair of detectives set out on the trail of the daughter behind a new, undetectable narcotic. Comedy, with Ben Stiller.

12.25 Film: A Fish Called Wanda. (1988) Weatherview. 2.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBBC. 8.35 Animal Park. (R) 9.35 Film: The Meerkats. (2008) Premiere. Documentary following the daily struggles of a clan of meerkats. 11.10 Film: Singin' in the Rain. (1952) Musical comedy, starring Gene Kelly. 12.50 Film: The Man Who Would Be King. (1975) Drama, starring Sean Connery and Michael Caine. 3.00 Birmingham Royal Ballet's Cinderella. 5.00 The Queen. (R) 5.10 The Private Life of a Christmas Masterpiece: The Adoration of the Christ Child.

6.00 Carols for Christmas Day: From Winchester Cathedral. A concert of popular carols and classical Christmas music.

7.00 Top Gear. The team tries to determine the world's greatest sports car. (R)

8.00 Dad's Army. The vicar holds a fund-raising bazaar. (R)

8.15 Blackadder's Christmas Carol. Comic version of the classic tale, starring Rowan Atkinson. (R)

9.20 Stuff of Christmas. Michael Parkinson presents a programme of festive music by John Wilson and his orchestra, joined by guests Seth MacFarlane, Anne-Jane Casey and Curtis Stigers.

10.15 Gavin & Stacey. The job and top owner dreams of the perfect Christmas. Last in the series. (R)

11.10 Have I Got a Bit More News for You Christmas Special.

12.00 Being Frankie Carbone. (R) 1.00 Top of the Pops 2 Christmas Special 2010. (R) 2.40 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: The Fluffy Club. 7.55 Film: The Little Polar Bear. (2002) Animated adventure, with the voice of Wesley Singerman. 9.25 Carols at Christmas. (R) 9.30 Family Film of the Decade. (R) 10.30 Film: Santa Claus: The Movie. (1985) Family fantasy adventure, starring Dudley Moore. 12.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.10 Film: The Polar Express. (2004) Animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Hanks. 3.00 The Queen. 4.10 Film: The Grinch. (2000) Fantasy comedy starring Jim Carrey. 5.50 ITV News; Weather. 6.00 You've Been Framed Christmas. (R)

6.00 Emmerdale. Hour-long episode. Chas and Carl's wedding day arrives.

7.00 Coronation Street. Hour-long episode. A feud breaks out in the Rovers as the staff prepare for the party.

8.00 All Star Family Fortunes. Festive edition with teams from This Morning and Emmerdale. Last in the series.

9.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot. An American businessman on board the Orient Express asks fellow passenger Poirot for protection, but the man is later found dead. Hugh Bonneville and David Morrissey guest star.

11.00 ITV News; Weather.

11.15 FILM: Vera Drake. (2006)

1.00 Film: Clockwise. (1986) Comedy, starring John Cleese. ITV News Headlines. 2.50 Film: Police Academy. (1984) Comedy starring Steve Guttenberg. 4.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.20 Fantastic Fred. (R) 6.45 Little Wolf's Book of Badness. (R) 7.55 T4: Friends. (R) 8.25 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 9.40 T4: Friends. (R) 10.00 Film: The Muppet Christmas Carol. (1992) Puppet comedy starring Michael Caine. 10.30 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 11.00 T4: Glee. (R) 12.40 One Born at Christmas. 1.00 Film: Scrooged. (1988) Christmas comedy starring Bill Murray. 3.10 One Born at Christmas. 4.10 Dad or No Deal: Scrooge or Santa. 5.20 One Born at Christmas. 5.50 Channel 4 News. 5.55 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special. (R)

7.00 FILM: Edward Scissorhands. (1990) A lonely man made boy with scissor-like hands is befriended by suburban townspeople – but they later turn against him. Tim Burton's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp and Winona Ryder.

9.00 One Born at Christmas. An update on the daily events at the maternity ward of Princess Anne Hospital in Southampton. New parents share their experiences of having a baby on Christmas Day.

10.00 Alan Carr: Tooth Fairy Live. The comedian's sell-out May 2007 show at London's Hammersmith Apollo, in which he talks about childhood and adolescence. (R)

11.55 Jamie's Christmas Lock-In. (R)

12.10 Film: Carrie. (1976) 1.55 The Real Housewives of New Jersey. 2.50 King of the Hill. 4.00 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 4.50 ER. (R) 5.35 One Tree Hill.

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 K-9. 10.40 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 11.40 The Gadget Show: Christmas Stocking. (R) 12.20 Film: The Miracle. (2000) Family drama, starring Doris Roberts. 2.20 Film: Meet the Santas. (2005) Fantasy comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. 5.20 Five News. 5.25 Film: The Remains of the Day. (1993) Period drama, starring Anthony Hopkins.

6.25 FILM: Stranger than Fiction. (2006) Premiere. The humdrum life of a tax inspector is turned upside down when he hears a female voice narrating his every move. Fantasy comedy drama, with Will Ferrell and Emma Thompson.

8.30 Greatest Christmas Adverts. Countdown of 50 popular Christmas commercials from the past to the present. Highlights include a Santa for Action Man, Tickle Priscilla, Sainsbury's, Nintendo Wii and Pizza cutting.

12.05 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming offering viewers the chance to win cash on roulette, blackjack and numbered. 3.00 Poker: Highlights of a recent tournament from around the world, as a table of card sharps aim to scoop the big money first prize. 3.55 The Family Recipe. With Italian chef Antonio Carluccio. (R) 5.00 Hands Helping. A lion cub is scared of the dentist. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. The gang enjoys a cake bake. (R) 5.25 Thomas & Friends. A new lorry is delivered to the lighthouse. (R) 5.35 Roary the Racing Car. FB faces off against Maxi on the racetrack. (R)

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ITV2

6.00 I'm a Celebrity – Jungle Royale. 9.00 The Xtra Factor: The Winners' Story. 10.00 Film: Hi-Hippie's Wonder Emporium. (2007) The Only Way Is Essex: Totally Vajazzled. The Only Way Is Essex. 4.00 Film: Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason. (2004) Coronation Street.

ITV3

6.00 Film: On the Buses. (1971) Film: Mutiny on the Buses. (1972) Film: Holiday On the Buses. (1973) Film: Carry On Screaming. (1966) Agatha Christie's Poirot.

ITV4

Film: The Pride and the Passion. (1957) The Professionals. The Sweeney. Minder. Film: Tango & Cash. (1989) Film: Gambler. (1974)

BBC THREE

7.00 Doctor Who Confidential: Christmas Special. Film: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. (2005) Sleigh the Halls. EastEnders. Russell Howard's Good News.

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Best of European Opera. Only Connect. Film: And Then There Were None. (1945) The Road to Coronation Street. Film: The Saint Strikes Back. (1939)

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FILM4

Casablanca. (1942) Dude, Where's My Car? Close Encounters of the Third Kind. (1977) Eragon. (2006) Fantasy adventure, starring Edward Speleers. Film: Die Hard. (1988) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis. Young Frankenstein. (1974)

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UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS

BBC1, 9pm

165 Eaton Place, Belgravia – an iconic address. If ever there was one. But if you've never heard of it, you've clearly never seen an episode of the original run of Upstairs Downstairs. The house was at the centre of the classic drama created by actresses Eileen Atkins and Jean Marsh, which ran for 68 episodes between 1971 and 1975. However, most of the old faces have gone, to be replaced by a new family headed by Ed Stoppard and Keeley Hawes as Sir Hallam and Lady Agnes Holland, who move into the house in 1936 following a diplomatic posting abroad.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** CBeebies. **9.40** Film: Who Framed Roger Rabbit. (1988) Comedy mixing live action and animation, starring Bob Hoskins. **11.20** BBC News; Weather. **11.25** Film: Spy Kids. (2001) Family adventure, starring Antonio Banderas. **12.50** Film: The Ant Bully (2006) Animated adventure, with the voice of Julia Roberts. **2.10** Film: Over the Hedge. (2006) Animated comedy, with the voice of Bruce Willis. **3.25** Film: Enchanted. (2007) Premiere. Fantasy comedy, starring Amy Adams. **5.05** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.15** Songs of Praise.

5.50 Nigel Slater's Christmas Suppers. The cook creates meals from Christmas dinner leftovers.

6.20 Countryfile. Julia Bradbury looks back at the biggest wildlife stories of 2010, including her report on efforts to conserve native species in Kent. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.20 Antiques Roadshow. More valuations from Chatsworth House, Derbyshire.

8.20 EastEnders. Bianca agrees to help Phil catch Connor.

9.00 Upstairs Downstairs. New series. The Holland family move into 165 Eaton Place.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.15 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Sunderland.

11.15 The Football League Show.

12.35 Film: Iron Eagle. (1986) Adventure, with Louis Gossett Jr. Weatherview. **4.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.35** Film: Kiss Me Kate. (1953) Musical comedy, starring Howard Keel and Kathryn Grayson. **10.20** Wild China. (R) **11.00** Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **12.00** Film: Anchors Aweigh. (1945) Musical, starring Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly. **2.20** Film: We Dive at Dawn. (1943) Second World War adventure, starring John Mills. **4.00** Final Score. **5.05** Film: The Red Baron. (2008) Premiere. First World War biopic, starring Matthias Schweighöfer.

7.00 Oz and Hugh Raise the Bar. Oz Clarke and Hugh Dennis visit Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic, where they sample non-alcoholic fruit wines and try to make their own version of Irish Cream.

8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May follow the path of the three wise men across the Middle East, driving open-top sports cars through southern Turkey, Iraq and Syria.

9.15 When Harvey Met Bob. Feature-length drama telling the story of the relationship between Bob Geldof and promoter Harvey Goldsmith, as they brought about Live Aid. Starring Domhnall Gleeson and Ian Hart.

10.45 Live Aid. Bob Geldof and his collaborators discuss the challenges they faced in putting on such an enormous public performance. (R)

12.15 The Goodies. (R) **12.45** Medium. (R) **2.10** BBC News. **6.00** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: The Fluffy Club. **7.25** Toonattik. **9.25** You've Been Framed! Christmas. (R) **10.10** Film: Jack Frost. (1998) Family fantasy drama, starring Michael Keaton. **12.00** ITV News; Weather. **12.10** Film: The Railway Children. (1970) Period family drama, starring Jenny Agutter. **2.20** Film: From Time to Time. (2009) Premiere. Family fantasy adventure, starring Alex Etel. **4.30** Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. (2005) Children's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor. (2008) Premiere. A family of explorers does battle with an evil Chinese Emperor brought back from the dead. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser, Maria Bello and Jet Li.

8.30 Harry Hill's Best of Christmas TV Burp. The comedian presents a compilation of the best bits from his TV Burp Christmas specials, sorting the season's TV best from the turkeys.

9.00 Benidorm. One-off festive edition. The resort suspects turn up in Spain for sun, sangria and Santa, with Su Pollard, Louie Spence and Brian Murphy guest starring.

10.15 FILM: Love Actually. (2003) Romantic comedy with Hugh Grant and Martine McCutcheon.

1.05 Paul O'Grady's Christmas. (R) ITV News Headlines. **2.05** Film: Inkheart. (2008) **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV News.

Channel 4

6.00 Gil Mack. (R) **9.05** The Treacle People. (R) **9.15** Planet Cook. (R) **9.25** Film: Rugrats Go Wild. (2003) Children's animated adventure, with the voice of Nancy Cartwright. **3.30** The Morning Line. **7.30** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **11.40** T4: Beyoncé: I Am – World Tour. (R) **12.45** Jamie's Best Ever Christmas. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.25** Deal or No Deal: Scrooge or Santa. **5.00** Channel 4 News. **5.10** Film: Crocodile Dundee. (1986) Comedy, starring Paul Hogan.

7.15 100 Greatest Toys with Jonathan Ross. Jonathan Ross counts down the nation's favourite games, gadgets and gizmos as inventors and toy makers tell the inside stories of their creations and successes. (R)

10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. The comedian is joined by radio DJ Chris Evans, The Expendables star Mickey Rourke, comedienne Catherine Tate and boy band the Wanted for a festive edition of his chat show.

11.05 Steve Coogan as Alan Partridge and Other Less Successful Characters. The actor performs in the guise of a selection of his comic creations.

11.55 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special. With guests Jack Dee, Lorraine Kelly and Christopher Biggins. (R)

12.50 King of the Hill. **1.20** American Football Live. Cincinnati Bengals v San Diego Chargers (Kick-off 1.25am). **4.05** ER. (R) **5.40** One Tree Hill.

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Rupert Bear. (R) **6.45** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **7.00** Mr Men. (R) **7.15** The Wotwots. (R) **7.20** Rhubarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.25** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.40** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.55** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **8.05** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Franklin. (R) **8.45** Pinky Dinky Doo Christmas Special. (R) **9.00** Dora. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** George Shrinks. (R) **10.00** iCarly. **10.30** The Jackson 5. **11.00** H2O. **11.05** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **12.05** Zoo Days. (R) **12.45** Film: Behold a Pale Horse. (1964) Adventure, starring Gregory Peck. **3.10** Five News. **3.20** Film: High Society. (1956) Musical romantic comedy with Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly. **5.40** Film: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. (1999) Stage musical, starring Donny Osmond.

7.10 Top of the Pops. The 1985 Christmas edition of the pop show. (R)

7.55 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. A Christmas edition of the sitcom from 1974. (R)

8.30 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (R)

9.10 FILM: Out for a Kill. (2003) Martial arts action adventure, starring Steven Seagal.

11.05 America's Toughest Prisons. (R)

12.35 SuperCasino. **4.05** Divine Designs. (R) **4.35** The Family Recipe. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake Show. (R) **5.20** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2

The Only Way Is Essex: Totally Vajazzled. The Only Way Is Essex. [illegible] Film: The Bodyguard (1992)

ITV3

Film: Uncle Buck (1989) [illegible] Agatha Christie's Poirot. A Touch of Frost.

ITV4

Film: All Quiet on the Western Front (1979) [illegible] Cricket: The Ashes. [illegible]

BBC THREE

Doctor Who. Doctor Who Confidential Christmas Special. [illegible] Family Guy.

BBC FOUR

Gilbert & Sullivan [illegible] Film: Farewell My Lovely (1944)

E4

Film: Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) Film: Romancing the Stone (1984) [illegible] Friends. The Inbetweeners.

FILM4

[illegible] The Final Frontier [illegible] The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill But Came Down a Mountain (1995) Entrapment (1999) An art thief [illegible] starring Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones. No Country for Old Men (2007) [illegible] starring Josh Brolin and [illegible]

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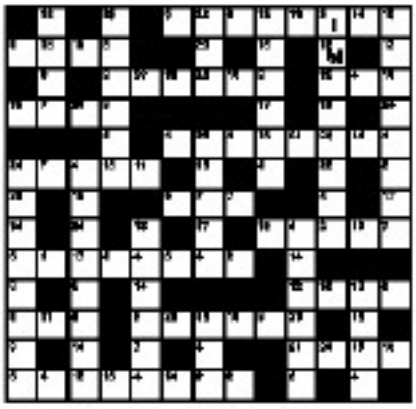

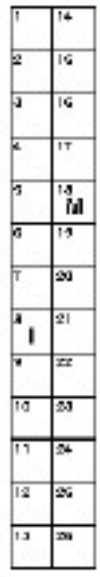

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8. A radio for the vegetarian (4)
10. Hawks. Hunter returns pursuing (7)
11. Hopeless road capital to start with (5)
12. Mock bass clarinet (4)
13. It's hard hit in a connection in return (5)
14. Have put out and down to go (6)
16. Gloom about one and a tiger (4)
22. Wait you need to be a miner (5)
23. A single person? (7)
24. Who returns yet guarded? (8)
25. Go around (9)

Down

1. Protected from attack, though broken in wanted (7)
2. A test for a car? (7)
3. Study the thinking of wine (9)
4. Relic in enforcement (7)
5. Diary in mind like a number living lower (9)
6. Farm animal in an occupation (8)
9. Looking rather moody (8)
10. Mass consumed type of drama (7)
12. Penalty on rule need to be broken (7)
16. All the crime, it rules some people (7)
18. A grain or a fruit (6)
20. Another common idiot (6)
21. Number one about two (5)

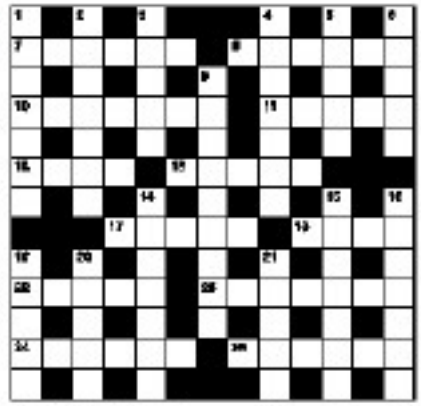
Quick Clues

Across

7. Counting to one (6)
8. Cotton cloth (4)
10. Vegetable (7)
11. Clown (5)
12. Lively (4)
13. Hundred (3)
14. Insects (5)
18. Mown (4)
22. Jump part (3)
23. Number (7)
24. Up to date (8)
25. Gun (8)

Down

1. Joyously (7)
2. Hinton (7)
3. Comics (9)
4. Prevent rust (7)
5. Turn up (5)
6. Water outlet (5)
9. Afternoon (8)
14. Ivor (7)
15. Frighten (7)
16. Moon by night (7)
17. Mean nickel with (5)
20. Loped (5)
21. Rouse (5)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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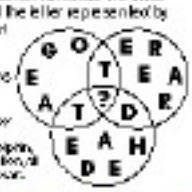
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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Former staff from the Round Oak Steelworks are seen during a reunion event at Dudley Museum

The steelworks seen when it was still in operation and, right, an aerial view of the site in 1988

Furnace of friendship

Ex-workers, brothers Ron and Ken Walters, seen with artwork on display

Barry Thompson, Richard Wandless, Brendan Hawthorne and Steve Field

IT ONCE employed thousands of workers and the red glow of its hot furnaces would light up the Black Country sky at night as sparks, ash and the hiss of cooling metal filled the air.

Generations of Brierley Hill families had laboured in the open hearths at the landmark Round Oak steelworks since it began production in 1857 at the height of the Industrial Revolution.

When the famous furnaces closed in December 1982, it caused upset, anger and widespread unemployment.

Now, 28 years later, it has been replaced with smart glass-fronted offices and restaurants on the Waterfront complex and nearby farmland has been transformed into a busy modern shopping centre, bringing jobs back to the town.

But memories of years spent labouring at one of the Black Country's most famous steelworks came flooding back at a reunion for former workers, who still hold it dearly in their hearts.

More than 100 workers got together to remember the old days at a reunion at Dudley Museum and Art Galley earlier this month.

And it wasn't long before old friends starting reminiscing about what it was like working at the plant, which they fondly called the Old Lady.

The steelworks were a family affair for brothers Ken and Ron Walters, aged 66 and 63, who had both followed in the footsteps of their father David, a ladleman, who worked at the site for more than 40 years.

The pair spent their days in the open hearth, with Ken, of Gorsty Avenue, working for 12 years at the site while Ron, of Fenton Street was there a decade.

"My father started work there when he was 15 almost by accident," Ron said.

"He was hanging around the gates and a foreman spotted him and said 'you will do' and that was it, he became one of the workers.

"Because my father worked there, me and my brothers David and Ken went there too. It was a great place to work, you really felt part of something big.

"Round Oak closing had such huge impact on Brierley Hill. It was the heart and soul of the town and when it closed it left behind a ghost town, which has never fully recovered," said Ron.

Trevor Potter, Wally Fletcher, Len Jones, Tom Gray, Ernie Allen, Dennis Horton, in 1961

When Round Oak closed many workers struggled to find jobs elsewhere and as a last resort some opted to seek positions at steelworks overseas.

Friends John Bagley, aged 66, of Stourbridge, Edwards Mattocks, 73, and Peter Taylor, 67, both of Brierley Hill, went abroad to find work after the site closed.

"We all went around the world to find jobs, because there wasn't any work in this country," said Mr Bagley, who spent 20 years at Round Oak before spells working in Italy, Spain and Iceland.

"We were very sad when Round Oak closed. It was more than just a steelworks, it was a way of life.

"Men started work there when they 15 and stayed their until they retired.

"We used to call Round Oak the Old Lady and treated her with respect," said Mr Mattocks, who worked in the melting shops from 1952 to 1980.

Another long-serving worker was retired engineer Tony Shinner, of Norton Road, Stourbridge, who was at Round Oak from 1947 to 1981.

For the last 11 years, he was joined by his wife of 60 years, Betty, who was one of many women working in the offices.

"It was a happy place to work," she said.

"There was quite a lot of women working in the offices while then men were on the shop floor. I enjoyed my time there."

The reunion included an exhibition of old photographs and paintings of the Round Oak site as well as poetry readings paying homage to the site's importance in Brierley Hill.

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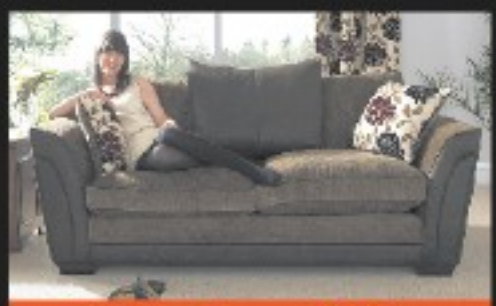

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Decision delayed over new homes at mansion

An aerial view shows the extent of the land where 14 houses will be built

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build homes in the grounds of a listed Georgian manor house would provide £400,000 to help preserve the historic building, developers claim.

An application for 14 houses in the shadow of Wordsley Manor, the home of the Firmstone family, was recommended for refusal by Dudley Council. But its development control committee last week opted to carry out a site visit before deciding whether to grant planning permission.

More than 100 people signed a petition against the proposals submitted by developer Selbourne Homes.

Planning chiefs said the scheme would pose a threat to bats and reptiles in the grounds, as well as four slow-worms found in the manor house.

A report to the committee admitted the scheme would "deliver a number of benefits" but said more work needed to be done by the developers to protect the wildlife.

Gavin Warr, managing director of Selbourne Homes, told the committee that the scheme would "save Wordsley Manor".

But Lynda Webb, of Meadowfield Close, speaking on behalf of the 106 objectors, said: "The loss of green space in the grounds far outweighs any benefits the development would bring. Once a site like this is lost it is lost forever."

The listed Georgian manor house

Council takes nearly 300 dogs off streets

ALMOST 300 stray dogs have been picked up by Dudley Council this year it has been revealed.

The council took over responsibility for the collection of strays from the police in April 2008.

Figures released by the council show that between January and the start of December, the authority picked up 284 dogs. Providing the service cost just over £58,000 between April and October.

Councillor David Stanley, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "I have been trying to get the message across for the last couple of years, a dog is not just for Christmas.

"People need to realise when they purchase dogs it is expensive with things such as vet bills and feeding. I would urge people to really give it consideration and make sure they have the finances available."

Collected

Of the dogs collected, 122 were re-united with their owners. A small number are still waiting at kennels but the remainder have been re-homed .

Between April 2008 and April 2009 Dudley Council collected 500 stray dogs.

All strays picked up in the borough are taken to Rosedene Dog Rescue Centre, Walsall. Owners who collect their dogs from there must to pay all kennelling costs plus a fine of £25. Dogs are kennelled for a week before being offered a new home.

Dog owners are legally required to ensure their dog wears a collar and tag with the name and address of the owner.

The council is not responsible for dogs belonging to people who have been taken into hospital or care, or dogs of evicted tenants.

Battle is on to save help centre

TEENAGERS fighting to save a closure-threatened Stourbridge counselling centre held a street demonstration calling for it to be given a another chance.

The campaigners say The What? Centre, in Coventry Street, which is expected to shut in the new year, should stay open to continue helping young people.

A total of 3,000 people have signed a petition to keep it open. It is struggling to survive after Dudley Council axed a £47,000 grant.

More than 20 staff, volunteers and teenagers joined the protest in High Street.

Organisers Danielle Greenhill and Claire Smith, both aged 18, who have used the centre, said it should be given another chance.

Danielle, from Stourbridge, said: "We wanted to show people that we care about The What? centre."

The council said the organisation can re-apply for help from next spring.

Campaigners Steph Manson, Olivia Wood, Ashleigh Chance, Laura Duffy, Claire Smith and Danielle Greenhill, who are fighting to save The What? Centre

Call for action on cages

WEST Midlands MEP Liz Lynne has backed a call for tough action against EU states and their egg producers who fail to phase out battery cages before the January 1, 2012 deadline set by the European Commission.

MEPs at the European Parliament in Strasbourg have voted to stick with the EU Commission's plans to phase out the cages and oppose any attempts to extend its deadline.

They also called for member states which comply with the legislation to be able to ban imports from others producing eggs illegally.

The Liberal Democrat MEP said: "It is time to start naming and shaming those who don't comply with minimum standards for hen welfare."

Health centre rent could reach £93m

THE rent for three new health centres in Dudley will come to £93.6 million during the 25-year lease – more than double the cost of building them.

Two health and social centres in Brierley Hill and Stourbridge, along with Ridgehill Centre, Stourbridge were built through a private public partnership called Dudley Infracare Lift for £40.1 million.

Dudley Primary Care Trust pays an annual rent for the buildings and has a 25-year lease. The total rent for the properties is £ 3,747,108. If current rents remain, the PCT will have spent more than £93.6 million leasing the centres by the end of the term. The PCT said the partnership helped finance project and can spread the cost.

Brierley Hill Health and Social Centre, Venture Way, cost £26.5 million to build. The annual rent is £1,872,570. Stourbridge Health and Social Centre, John Corbett Drive, cost £8.1 million and has an nnula rent of £1,184,100. The rent for the £5.5 million Ridge Hill is £690,438. Rents will change according to inflation.

PCT chief executive Sarah Dugan said over five years three first-class facilities had been built providing exemplary standards. "We do not have to make an initial large outlay but are able to spread the cost of the building over a number of years, rather like a mortgage payment," she said.

MP debate on business

STOURBRIDGE MP Margot James has led a discussion on how government can support business in the Black Country.

It came at a recent breakfast debate staged by the Black Country Reinvestment Society (BCRS) with the West Midlands Economic Forum at Stourbridge College ATC, the Waterfront, Brierley Hill.

The debate followed the launch of a BCRS report on the future of lending to small businesses. Other speakers included Professor David Bailey of Coventry Business School and Paul Kalinauckas, chief executive of BCRS. It came days before the approval of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership.

Zoo set for soul revival

NORTHERN Soul is returning to Dudley Zoo after a book prompted Motown memories among Midlands fans.

A Christmas party reunion of DJs and dancers will take place at the Zoo's Queen Mary Suite on December 23.

The event will also feature an exclusive preview of a forthcoming Northern Soul documentary DVD, Keep On Burning and a book signing of Northern Soul Stories, by promoter Neil Rushton.

He said: "It will feature former resident DJs playing records that made Northern Soul and Tamla Motown nights at the Queen Mary so popular during the 1970s."

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This 500 has a downsized engine but doesn't turn its back on style or fun, says Iain Dooley

Mini marvel for the masses

WITH car makers keen to reduce emissions and save fuel these days, one obvious place to start is weight reduction.

And what better way to cut unnecessary weight than to streamline a car's engine – downsizing is the new black.

Fiat has long held a reputation for engine development, and it's now halved the cylinder count for its popular 500.

Dubbed 'TwinAir' the 500's 0.9-litre, twin-cylinder petrol unit offers significant savings over a larger four-pot motor in terms of economy, emissions and, unsurprisingly, weight. Fiat says this engine will be the first of many, aiming to reduce emissions levels to new lows well in advance of any country-specific legislation.

Upshot

The upshot for the consumer is a 500 with more character. When it first appeared some observers were disappointed by its lack of a technological highlight. The car was a faithful, if larger, reproduction of a classic but there were no ground-breaking features.

That's changed with the arrival of Fiat's TwinAir engine, and it's difficult to think of a more appropriate home for this remarkable little motor.

The TwinAir's engine note is addictive

Kit levels mirror the regular Fiat 500

The TwinAir proves that halving the number of cylinders doesn't mean halving the fun

Borrowing Fiat's recent Multiair development – where airflow into the engine is managed electronically cylinder by cylinder through the unit's inlet valves, not the throttle – this two-cylinder engine is the product of a clean-sheet design, a new type of turbocharger and a few hundred million Euros.

In reality Fiat's achievement is worthy of significant praise. In 85 horsepower trim – 105bhp turbo and 65bhp non turbo variants are scheduled to follow – you get the power, accelerative punch and cruising ability of a traditional small capacity four-cylinder petrol car but with the economy and, crucially, emissions of something much smaller. How does 68.9mpg and 95g/km CO2 sound?

Granted, the 500 is hardly a big car, but that's a 15 per cent CO2 reduction over a regular 1.2-litre petrol 500. If you opt for Fiat's 'Dualogic' semi-auto gearbox, the numbers are better still, at 70.6mpg and 92g/km respectively.

It only takes a minute to realise how much this particular 500 could save you in fuel and tax over the course of a few years. That's only part of the ownership experience, however. Turn the key and you enter a new world of two-cylinder fun. Save for a few hardy souls who have grappled with Citroen's 2CV, most people will have no prior experience of two-cylinder engines.

Unlike the iconic tin snail, Fiat's 500 TwinAir couldn't be further from the wheezy, underpowered two-pot stereotype if it tried. Fiat's engineers have done an excellent job of isolating the traditional characteristics of such an engine – noise, vibration and harshness – and it proves a charming companion. You immediately warm to its slightly offbeat angry bumble bee note.

Such a signature tune is perfectly in keeping with the 500's visual charm and will have you grinning like a child with a chocolate bar to itself. And boy, is that engine note addictive. The unit's smooth power delivery and ample torque ensure that you're never left stranded.

Sprightly

A predictably sprightly performer around town, the 500 TwinAir is equally at home away from the city limits. The car's sensibly spaced gear ratios do much to enhance engine flexibility, while, overtaking requires less planning than you might imagine and maintaining motorway speed is easier than you think.

Since its launch the 500 has sold well, but was in need of something special to lift it above its rivals. With its clever TwinAir engine, Fiat has set a new benchmark for engine technology.

With equipment levels mirroring that of the regular four-cylinder model line-up and positioned price-wise a step above the entry-level 500, the TwinAir variant is not about sacrificing creature comforts in the pursuit of saving fuel and money.

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CHRONICLE MOTORING

Electric motoring turns over a new Leaf to save money

The new Nissan Leaf electric car should not lose its value quicker than conventional rivals, say experts

INDEPENDENT experts have predicted that the new European Car of the Year, the Nissan Leaf, will retain a substantial 47 per cent of its on road price after three years and 30,000 miles – better than hybrid and diesel engined rivals.

This has resulted in the cost of ownership falling even further, with low depreciation adding to the savings made from using cheaper, cleaner electricity as a fuel.

Charging the Nissan Leaf's batteries costs around £2 and the car has a range of more than 100 miles according to official figures.

In addition, electric vehicle drivers do not have to pay for a tax disc, are exempt from the London congestion charge and can park for free in some cities. Company car drivers can save even more, as the Nissan Leaf does not attract any Benefit in Kind liability, potentially saving thousands every year in tax.

For example, a company car driver paying 40 per cent tax and swapping a Vauxhall Astra 2.0 CDTi SE auto for a Nissan Leaf will find an extra £301.53 in their pay packet every month, which is like being given a rise of almost £5,000 a year.

Hybrid

To make electric motoring affordable for private buyers the Nissan LEAF is now available on a Personal Contract Purchase (PCP) scheme, with the residual value being underwritten by Nissan. It means buyers can be an 'electric vehicle pioneer' and pay the same in monthly finance as a conventional hybrid or diesel car – but still make massive savings on running costs.

With a deposit of £3,850 for example, the Nissan Leaf can be had for just £397.17 per month. After three years the car can be handed back, refinanced or the customer can buy another Nissan.

Paul Willcox, managing director of Nissan Motor GB said: "Buyers can be confident that the LEAF will not lose value any faster than a conventional rival, thanks to the verdict of independent industry experts. Nissan is happy to show its confidence too and underwrite the future value using a PCP scheme.

"This will help drivers get behind the wheel of the new European Car of the Year 2011."

Proton rolls out deals to beat the VAT increase

PROTON has rolled out a series of deals aimed at motorists who want to beat the imminent VAT rise by buying a new car before the end of the year.

Buying a new five-door city car, five door hatchback or sporty supermini has never been easier thanks to the deals the Malaysian firm is offering on its Savvy, GEN-2 and Satria Neo this winter.

The Savvy has been dressed up for winter with the addition of a smart new tailgate spoiler, now standard on all 1.2 Style models.

The five door Savvy city car has a spacious interior and is easy to park with reverse distance sensors as standard.

Pollen

Prices start at £7,295 on the road and this is backed up by a £750 discount on all models in the Savvy Style range at participating dealerships.

Discounts of up to £1,250 are available on the Satria Neo models from Proton

There are offers on every model in the GEN-2 range at participating dealers, including £1,000 off GSX models, along with £500 off manual transmission models in the GLS range, making the GEN-2 even more affordable.

All GEN-2 models have air conditioning with pollen filter and remote central locking with alarm as standard.

The GEN-2's spacious cabin also now offers drivers a new dark grey interior colour scheme extending to the seats, door inserts and a new darker dashboard and door trim. Prices start at £8,995 on the road for the 1.3 GLS model.

In addition, GEN-2 GSX models also come with a stylish dark leather interior worth £1,000 totally free of charge.

The Lotus-inspired Satria Neo with a low, road-hugging style is also available with £750 off GSX models.

The top-of-the- range 1.6 GSX come in either manual or automatic form and boasts a 0-62 time of 11.5 seconds, along with a top speed of nearly 120mph.

The Satria Neo 1.6 GSX starts from just £9,995 on the road and includes 16-inch alloy wheels with Continental Sport tyres, climate control, electric mirrors, front fog lamps and a rear spoiler.

Bonnet

The centrally mounted exhaust, halogen head lamps and sloping bonnet leading to an aggressively-designed front grill, complete the Satria Neo's imposing looks.

Proton is also offering a finance deposit contribution scheme for customers ordering before December 31.

Under the scheme, when customers take out a low rate finance option with Proton Finance Limited, they will receive up to £750 towards the Savvy, up to £750 towards the GEN-2 saloon or Persona, £500 towards the LPG dual fuel GEN-2 ecoLogic, and up to £1,250 towards the Satria Neo and Satria Neo Sport.

Simon Park, general manager sales and marketing for Proton Cars (UK) Ltd. said: "We know that every penny counts – especially in the festive season.

"By rolling out this exclusive finance deposit contribution scheme across our dealer network in the UK, we hope that customers will really feel the benefit at a time when every little helps – especially when buying a new car."

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CHRONICLE MOTORING

Plan well, take care – oh, and be sensible about those fog lights

WITH Britain in deep freeze, driving conditions are obviously treacherous.

The Retail Motor Industry (RMI) has some suggestions for how to avoid accidents, cope with a breakdown or just drive safely over the winter period.

The RMI, the trade body that represents motor sector sales and service businesses, sees every journey as an opportunity to prevent the worst from happening.

Before setting off ensure you have: Sufficient fuel for your journey; mobile phone and cigarette-lighter charger; warm clothes in the car; listened to the travel news and checked the weather forecast.

Make sure that the antifreeze in the car is fresh. Insufficient or 'old' anti-freeze can cause hose, water pump or other major units to fail, leading to overheating. Anti-freeze should be changed every two years, or according to manufacturer recommendations, due to the deterioration of the corrosion inhibitors.

Make sure all heating and ventilation systems are working so that misting is minimised – do not switch off your air-conditioning as this keeps moisture and condensation to a minimum.

On cold mornings use a de-icer on windows, or a scraper – NEVER hot water. Spray a special carborundum powder lock lubricant into the door locks to prevent seizing up. Never use a damp inhibitor on a modern lock. Check that the screen wash is not clogged and that the bottle is topped up for use and make sure that an additive is used to stop it freezing.

Tyre tread depth should be at least 1.6 mm across the central three-quarters of the breadth of the tread and around the entire circumference, and there should be no cuts or cracks.

Battery

Also, make sure the battery is in good condition; check windscreen wipers for wear and replace them if necessary; give all external lights and mirrors a thorough clean; headlamps should be correctly aligned.

Once the car is ready for winter, it's worth compiling an emergency kit, to be kept in the boot, so that in the event of a breakdown you're prepared

Useful supplies could include: Torch, spare batteries and bulbs; screen scraper/ de-icer; warning triangle; first-aid kit; hands free mobile phone, phone card and cash; blankets and warm jacket/robust shoes (in case of breakdown); shovel (to clear snow if necessary); fire extinguisher; rope (for towing if necessary); road atlas, maps etc.

You need to make sure that the light settings match the driving conditions. As the winter months go on, drivers will find themselves using their lights more and more, but the use of the lights will need to be appropriate for the road conditions. If conditions change during a journey, alter your light settings accordingly. For example, if you use front and rear fog lights unnecessarily you will be breaking the law.

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MALE 56, young looks, N/S, honest, loyal, caring, quiet, seeks similar female for life long soul mates. West Midlands. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 353851**

MALE 53, N/S, seeks female, 40-60 for friendship, maybe more. Willenhall. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 352447**

ROBERT 66,national trust member, honest, caring, likes most sports, travel, theatre, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more. Staffs. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351067**

47YR old male, average build, short hair, tall, seeks lady, 35-47 with GSOH for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 329917**

TALL handsome male, 41, GSOH, likes romantic days/nights in/out, WLTM attractive, down to earth, young lady, 35-55, size unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 346611**

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MALE 46, N/S, seeks female to sparkle back into life. Wolverhampton. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 353781**

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MALE 46, 5ft 7ins, medium build, short hair, N/S, non drinker, lonely, lots of love to give, likes cinema, theatre, DIY, sports, travel, seeks female. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 328585**

MALE 48, well built, kind, considerate genuine, seeks female, 25-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 346673**

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Gently does it as Williams eyes his return

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers left-back Mike Williams has admitted his 2010 may be over after surgery on his injured foot.

Williams had an operation to remove a growth on his left foo, ruling him out of the recent FA Trophy defeat at his former club Wrexham.

The stitches are due to come out today, just three days before Harriers go to Forest Green on Boxing Day.

The 24-year-old cannot train until then, which ruled him out of last Saturday's visit of Kettering which was postponed in any event.

It also means he could possibly miss both festive matches, Forest Green away and Newport at home on December 28 – assuming both beat the weather.

But Williams is hoping to be fully fit by the time of the Forest Green return game at Aggborough on New Year's Day.

He said: "I would imagine that the New Year's Day game is a more realistic target to look at.

"But I am not going to say I can't make a game until I have had the bandage off and the stitches taken out.

"Boxing Day could be a step too far," he conceded.

"I have to stay at home with my feet up for two weeks so the injury will heal.

I would rather make sure I am right for the rest of the season, instead of coming back too early," he added.

The impressive new stand at Warwickshire's home is taking shape

How the new stand looks from outside the Edgbaston ground

EDGBASTON IS SET TO BOWL 'EM OVER

CRICKET FANS can see the £30million expansion of Warwickshire's Edgbaston ground, increasing capacity to 25,000, continuing apace.

The playing surface, grown to Warwickshire's specification in a field in Lincolnshire, has been relaid with a new drainage system and permanent floodlights fitted.

The framework for the new stand, which sits between the Eric Hollies Stand and the Priory Stand is also nearly finished.

And bosses revealed the naming rights for the new stand would be established in the new year.

Club chief executive Colin Povey said: "We're just coming onto that stage of the development. We will be starting to approach companies in the new year."

The curved shell of the building, which will eventually be coated in silver-coloured aluminium panels, is nearly finished and will expand the seating and media facilities, bringing the stadium into line with the iconic press box at Lord's.

The finished work will feature five new floodlights, offices, shops and apartments at the site. It is set for completion in time for England's Test match against India on August 10 next year.

Phil Macdonald, project director at Edgbaston, said: "The new facilities will be like rugby and football grounds with a covered concourse between the new stand and the Eric Hollies Stand.

Atmosphere

"The new stadium will have the best facilities for media in England with parts of the third and fourth floor for broadcast and print media inside the steel box design which will sit on top of the new stand."

The work will give Warwickshire the best chance to compete for international matches.

Povey added: "The expansions puts us in a very strong position. We will have the largest capacity for a ground outside London and more than Trent Bridge's 17,000 in Nottingham and the 15,000 capacity at Cardiff, with whom we're effectively competing. It should keep Edgbaston on that main rosta of Test grounds."

The expansion will not harm the atmosphere Edgbaston has developed in recent years, the most vocal support England receive on home soil. Mr Povey added: "England win here more often than anywhere else, the players love the noise and the crowds love the fun atmosphere so it's a win-win."

As the project nears completion, lifts stairs and seats will be installed. Alongside the stadium work, the ground is being fitted with modern drainage. Permanent floodlights will mean less light spillage from day/night matches for nearby residents and make taking high catches easier for fielders as the bulbs used produce less glare.

The redevelopment is expected to guarantee a place for international cricket in Birmingham and an Ashes match in 2013. It will feature an "unusually shaped" square structure to house a banqueting suite. The former Calthorpe stand, the old pavilion and the old indoor cricket school were all bulldozed. The stadium has been reconfigured alongside the demolition and still has a capacity of 17,000.

Warwickshire chief executive Colin Povey watches the redevelopment work at Edgbaston taking place

Reinforcements for the Robins as Perks and Kirkham swell team

DUDLEY TOWN have added former Bustleholme joint-manager Neil Perks onto their management team following his design to resign from the Tipton-based club.

Perks has been joined at the Dell Stadium by former Dudley under-18s coach Nigel Kirkham, with the duo joining up with current Robins boss Steve Hinks.

Perks, who took the Bustleholme hot seat with Karl Dolman in the summer of 2009, oversaw a rapid transformation for the Bs who rose from basement dwellers to genuine title contenders within 18 months.

He will be joining a Dudley Town side that lies midway up the West Midlands Premier Division table after a mixed bag of results in the opening half of the season.

Kirkham needs little introduction to Robins supporters after a period in charge of the club's successful under-18s side that nurtured current first team player Alex Perry as well as Halesowen Town's England Colleges midfielder Conor Gater.

Chairman Stephen Austin believes Perks and Kirkham's arrival onto Hinks' management team will be the break the club is looking for.

"Steve has been looking for additional support from those with local Dudley knowledge and experience," he said.

"I am certain this is what Neil and Nigel will provide the club and am sure this will have a positive effect.

"We would all like to welcome the duo to Dudley Town Football Club," he added.

Hinks welcomes the reinforcements after a run of torrid luck with his coaching staff.

Player-coach Kevin Thompson left the club for a similar role with Evo-Stik Premier Division club Chasetown in September before assistant manager Richard Smith had to leave due to work commitments in November.

Dudley have been without a game since November 20 and now face a wait until January 8 to get their season under way again.

Hinks has used the time to bolster his squad with the addition of highly rated duo Ricky Dudley and Jemall Pennock.

Six-goal Tipton hammer out title warning

Tipton Town 6
Highgate United 0

TIPTON climbed into second place in the Baker-Joiner Midland Football Alliance following an impressive return to action.

After a three-week weather enfored absence, they hit top form on December 15 and went on to their biggest win of the season.

Tipton, who gave a debut to recent signing Alex Cowley, started brightly with Danny Bragoli linking up with Jozsef Jakab who saw his shot saved by Shaun Hoccum.

Dave Bate then tested the Highgate keeper from distance with a well-struck shot but found him equal to the task.

The pressure on the visitors' goal continued as Ricky Baker fired over the top.

Drive

Tipton's efforts were rewarded when Bate opened the scoring with a superbly struck drive that flew into the top corner.

Bragoli was denied a goal when Hoccum saved and Jakab headed wide from Ross Brown's cross as Tipton pushed for a second.

At the other end, keeper Matt Sargeant was called into action to deny the pacy Elroy Bennett as Highgate threatened.

Tipton added the crucial second goal five minutes before the break, Bragoli's cross headed home by Eric Bowen from six yards out.

The tempo was maintained after the interval with Tipton netting twice in the opening eight minutes of the second half.

Substitute

Jakab set up Bate to net his second and three minutes later Jakab himself got his name on the scoresheet as Tipton guaranteed the destination of the points.

Cowley fired just over before Jakab added his second, and his 14th of the season, when he headed home Bowen's cross.

Tipton weren't finished and added a sixth goal as the match wound into its final stages.

It came when substitute Ryan Mosedale cut inside his man and beat Hoccum with a well-placed finish to cap off a great night for the home side.

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